(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) does not carry out the aerodrome audit of the member states. However, a comprehensive system approach under Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme is to be carried out as agreed in the 35th Assembly Session in September-October, 2004 for safety audit of Member states every six years. The first such audit for India is scheduled to take place in October, 2006.

(c) Does not arise.

Transfer of assets of Nagpur Airport

1357. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is considering transfer of assets of Nagpur Airport to State Government of Maharashtra at nominal cost in lieu of waiver of stamp duty and other taxes applicable to the modernisation of Mumbai Airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, outlining the value of assets of Nagpur Airport and estimated amount of tax exemption, offered by State Government of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The development and modernization of airports is a continuous process depending upon traffic demand, availability of resources, land etc. Development work is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) generally from its own resources. However, for some airports, AAI undertakes development works through signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with State Governments. As regards transfer of assets of Nagpur Airport the decision is to resolve the matter through inter-Governmental, inter-Ministerial and intra-Ministerial consultations.